

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5-17, and 22-29 are pending in the present application. In the Final Office Action mailed March 23, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 11, 12, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Myers (USP 4,470,030). The Examiner next rejected claims 13-17 and 23-27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Myers.

Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 28, and 29 were indicated as allowable. Claim 10, which depends from allowable claim 8, is therefore also believed to be allowable pursuant to the chain of dependency.

Per a phone conversation on May 23, 2007, between the Examiner and Applicant's representative, the undersigned, Applicant has amended claim 11. Thus, claim 11, and all claims depending therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

Applicant has canceled claims 18-27.

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 2, 5-17, 28, and 29. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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